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This Distinguished American Journalist is Traveling Around the World for the Purpose of Investigating the American Foreign Misstonary from a Purely Disinteremed. Secular and Non-Secturian Standbolnt. Illustrated with Drawings and from Photographs.

JAPAN PLAYING POLITICS WITH CHRISTIANITY

Japan for Korea, it is necessary to and not evil. Their educational work since the missionaries rely on the summarize the results of three especially has been great-too much supernatural aspect, which officialmonths' investigation into religious cannot be said in favor of it. But dom ignores, it may come to pass that Japan. I find that some of the state- cessful; there are some who are fallments now to be set down are rather ures. My own opinion is that there sensational; this is due to the facts, is still a place in Japan for the best and not to their reporting. Indeed, type of missionary. Especially do we unimportant news could scarcely be want able teachers and great thinkexpected from the country which em- | er#" bodies the world's greatest political How Ambassador Wright Sizes Up problems, the far eastern question. That much-discussed question, one learns who painstakingly studies it on digression from the first point of this the ground, is really a commingling article. Before returning to it, and of racial, religious, economical and while still on the subject of missionpolitical questions. The reader of aries, let me quote the opinion exthese articles who has not seen in pressed to me by the American amthem more than a treatment of mis- bassador to Japan, Hon. Luke E. sions and religion has not grasped Wright: "When I came to the orient

tended to convey. Playing to the Western Gallery, has ever before its eyes the import- tion of no-account ones who had come ance of influencing western opinion, out here because they could not make has been playing politics with Chris- a living at home. But I must confess tianity. Like any other nation in sim- that I have not met a single missionilar circumstances, it has employed any who could not pass anywhere. every agency at hand that would Both in the Philippines and in Japan serve its own purpose; since the west- I have met many missionaries, and ern world is nominally Christian, a finer lot of men i have never seen Japan has, throughout the present era, anywnere. They are first class as displayed a favorable attitude toward | men. Some of them have become my Christianity. Indeed, that shrewd old personal friends." Then the ambassastatesman, Marquis Ito (whom many dor went on to speak in detail of in-Americans have been led to look dividual missionaries. He left upon upon as a sort of main prop of the my mind the impression that he unchurch in Japan, although, judged by equivocally approves of the missioneven the loose Japanese standards, he | aries. is "a most immoral man") proposed that Japan make Christianity its state | have of necessity gone more intimatereligion. I have the personal testi- ly into the work and qualifications of mony of educated Japanese that they the missionary body in Japan, have themselve, became Christians 20 years | led me to the same general conclusion ago "for the sake of the country." as that reached by the ambassador. The beip of missionaries was freely I have met personally 250 missional

Shiminoseki, Japan.-As I leave | selves? They have done only good | belief and life of the people; and conditions and missionary work in not all missionaries have been suc-

> Missionaries. Count Okuma's words have caused a

all the meaning that the writer in- I was disappointed in the missionaries -agreeably disappointed. I expected to find them, as in every other call-The Japanese government, which ing, all sorts of men, with a propor-

My own investigations, while they

needs badly a new set of moral ideals; hidden inside. how badly the west cannot possibly understand. Unquestionably, Christianity is erecting these in a large body of the people. I have been at pains to assure myself that the Anglo-Saxon standards of virtue prevail among the Japanese Christians as they certainly do not among the people generally, or evan the Buddhist priests. The place of women must be radically changed if Japan is tc rank with the civilized nations; adcomplished are the mission schools and the churches. With respect to eleemosynary insti-

even the next emperor will be a

Christian, just as many persons in all

Christianity in Japan will overthrow

alike the devices of statesmen and

How the Movement Works.

the old creeds of the nations.

tutions-the care of the insane, of lepers and other incurables, the reform of incipient criminals, the pro- sionary of Southern convention, and I vision for orphans and destitute, the display of kindness to dumb creatures, etc.-Japan has scarcely emerged from barbarism. Practically every two Missouri representatives to the advance in these particulars has been great centenary missionary conference made by the missionaries. Despite endless twaddle that has been written from Kansas City. about the Japanese home life, it is that from the missionaries. The disin its business dealings with the forwardness and integrity on the part the bible standard of conduct.

The Situation as It Stands. missionary situation in Japan may be | Sinsing Wong \$100 in gold." set forth very briefly. There are 32 denominations, or organized religious bodies, doing work in Japan. These maintain a force of 889 white missionaries and a still greater number of native workers. They possess property, in the way of churches, schools, residences, etc., to the value enrolled in the Protestant churches there are 60,862, Locluding catachumens; in the Roman Catholic church. 59 437 and in the Gree's church, 29,115. Roughly speaking, this means a Christian force of 150,000 persons, who look forward to the evangelization of a nation of 45,000,000 people. While Japan is not going to become Christian in a day, she has made a substantial beginning in that direction.

The Japanese Protestant churches display certain characteristics which require mentioning in this resume. First is the tendency toward union. Japan. All Methodist bodies formally unite next May. The Episcopalians and the Church of England are one. The Congregationalists, United Brethren and Methodist Protestants are uniting, as in America. Left to themselves, the Japanese Christians will undoubtedly form one church, since denominational and doctrinal distinctions of ecclesiastical government mean little to them. The missionaries in this country also are ahead of

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America in respect to united religious

eforts.

Precious Heritage. Sweetness of temper is a precious heritage. It gives beauty to every become interested and asked to see tive view of nearly all the government thing. It keeps its windows open to them. He led me to my improvised officials with whom I have talked, I ward the spice country, and fills the find every Christian, foreigner and home with perpetual delight. The fortunate possessor of a sunny soul is that they had called my bed. It was tive view. In no case has a Christian God's evangel in a dark world. He is full of snakes, and I had slept on a living gospel which no one will ever them. That day I moved." repudiate, and the blessedness of which all men will appreciate. The body will grow old and the smooth brow will be furrowed, but a happy disposition is an aureole to the gray crown of age. Blessed is he whose life looks out upon the land of Beulah and whose soul is responsive to the outlying vision.

New Explosive of Great Value. Potasimite is a new explosive, perfected in Monterey, Mexico, and first used with success upon the construction of a Mexican Central railroad powerful than dynamite. Those explosives based upon nitrogen produce a if you are willing to marry me closed works, such as a mine or tunnel, during the explosion, and the laborers can not return to work for a long time thereafter, depending upon the facility for carrying off the gas. Potasimite is said to produce no noxior; gas, the only precaution necescary in its use being that the workmen get out of the way of the flying

From Errand Boy to Governor. honest man among that rabble." Edwin S. Stuart, elected governor of Pennsylvania, is the first pativeborn Philadelphian to win that distinction in many years. In his early teens he started life as errand boy in a book store. Mr. Stuart is a bachelor, his home being managed And Genial John started for Egypt to have another wig made.

BREAKING UP A WASP'S NEST.

Insects Will All Go to Their Death in a Jug of Hot Water.

"Most people think of hornets and yellow jackets as strictly country products, but as a fact the big vegetable gardens in the southwestern part of the city are very well supplied with both," says a St. Louis truck farmer.

"Of course at this ceason of the year they give very little trouble, but in the autumn, when fall plowing is in progress, it is a very common thing to turn up a nest of ground wasps, and then there is generally a runaway in two directions, for the wasps are ill-tempered when disturbed and attack both the farmer and his horse; the latter takes one direction and the farmer tracks in another.

"It is a very easy matter to exterminate the wasps before beginning to plow, so when a gardener notices there is a nest of them anywhere on branches of government service have his land he prepares for them before become believers in the gospel of he plows. He takes a common earth-Christ. As the seed in the crack be enware jug half full of very hot water, comes a tree that splits the rock, so sets it down close to the mouth of by its inherent vitality and growth, the wasps' nest, puts on a pair of gloves, covers his head and neck with a handkerchief under his hat, gives the nest a poke with a long pole, and runs. The angry wasps come out by In the next breath, after telling you hundreds, and, seeing nothing unthat Christianity will never conquer usual but the jug, they attack it with Japan, the statesmen will confess to might and main, diving down through their perplexity over moral and social the narrow neck, apparently under conditions in the country. Japan the impression that their enemy is

"The hot water kills them, but those that are not immediately drowned keep up a tremendous buzzing, which seems to exasperate still further all the wasps within hearing, and it looks as though they can't get into the jug fast enough. I have several times taken more than a thousand drowned wasps out of the jug after a raid, for so long as a wasp is left he makes for the mouth of the jug, and the whole nest can be exterminated in mittedly the most potent force in ais way. It is a queer illustration of effecting the alterations already ac stupidity on the part of an otherwise intelligent insect, but the trick never fails."

A Chinese Dinner.

"E. T. Snuggs, of Shiu Hing, misdined with P. P. Wong, a wealthy business man of Shanghai," said the | fail. Rev. Dr. N. R. Pittman, one of the in China and the only representative

"He invited to dine with us four or, say, the American conception of wealth. They spoke English with acture of the Japanese character, which asked Sinsing Wong how many more has brought shame upon the nation courses. He said 'Sixteen.' Every 15 minutes a servant brought to each world, is being replaced by straight one of us a hot cloth with which he wiped our hands and faces. We sure of the thousands who are accepting by had a hundred different dishes. We had birds' nest soup. We had things from the air and earth and sea and So far as figures may do so, the brook. That dinner must have cost

> Facetious Testators. Will making often affords a man an unrivaled opportunity of paying off old scores and speaking his mind

> without any fear of unpleasant conse-

quences to himself. The great duke of Marlborough evidently could not resist the temptation of a farewell "slap" at his duchess when he left her £10,000 where with to spoil Blenheim in her own way and £15,000 to keep clean and to go to law with."

There is also a distinct note of spitefulness in the extract from the testament of a Mr. Kerr, who, after declaring that he would probably have left his widow £10,000 if she had allowed him to read his evening paper in peace, adds: "But you must remember, my dear, that whenever I commenced reading you started play ing and singing. You must therefore take the consequences. I leave you £1,000."-Grand Magazine.

Slept on the Snakes.

"Yes, I think I'll go on a vacation this summer, but I hope I fare better than I did last year," said the clerk. "What happened last year, Bill?"

"Well, the first night I struck the lake the hotel was crowded, but the proprietor insisted he could fix me up nice bed on the veranda and draw curtans around it to shut it off. It was a hot night, so I submitted. My bed was rather hard and I didn't sleep very well. The next day I got acquainted with a man at my table who said he was a showman and that he had his snakes along with him. I bedroom and frightened the life out of me by lifting up the lid of the box

Edison's Courtship. Mr. T. A. Edison's courtship was characteristic of the great inventor. The first Mrs. Edison was, previous to her marriage, a telegraph operator in his employ. One day, while standing behind her, watching her at work, Edison, who had long admired the young lady, was surprised when she turned around and said: "Mr. Edison. I can always tell when you are near me." "How do you account for that?" returned Edison. "I don't know," rebranch with wonderful results, for it sponded the young lady, "but it is is pronounced safer, cheaper and more a fact, and said: 'Twe been thinking considerably about you of late, and gas that necessitates abandoning would like to marry you." A month later they were married, the union proving a very happy one.

> Crafty John. Genial John, the oil king of ancient times, was observed to be piloting old

Diogenes among the biggest thieves and grafters of the age. "Why don't you steer him among good people," asked the astonished friend. "Why, he will never find an

Genial John laughed craftily. "Ah, my friends," he whispered, 'you are not wise. If Diogenes should find an honest man he would naturally extinguish his lantern and stop using Therefore it is to my advantage that he should continue the search."

MIXED IN HIS GEOGRAPHY.

Has So Many Adventures He Won't Celebrate Till He Gets Settled.

For his powers of induction, synthesis, analysis and equation Policeman McQuade deserved a leather medal for his capture of Frederick P. Brown, says the New York World. In the first place, the astute ear of the policeman heard a boy say "thief" as Brown emerged from 2153 Amersterdam avenue. In the second place, Brown broke into a run, a bit wabbly, as though his pockets were filled with junk. The policeman pursued and was very glad to hear from you. and a great crowd joined him, yelling I see that you are still at work per-"Thief!

doing wonders at sprinting, but the I owe you many thanks for persuading agile bluecoat overhauled him. More me to come out here, am only sorry convincing than all that had gone be that I wasn't persuaded sooner, and fore, Brown was grimy and looked there is still plenty of good chances like a bad charcoal sketch. Of course for many more right at the present he must have effected entrance by time. I hope that you will be able to means of a coal hole. And, lastly, induce more to make a start out to many neighbors of Brown appeared,

"Yes, that is the man who was prowling around and kept us awake and it won't be three years till the 1st all night. If for nothing else, he of July. I shall shortly receive my ought to be locked up for robbing us

of our sleep." "But I just moved in and I was looking for my room," said Brown, sale. Then a year ago last May I "I know there are only five stories to bought 320 acres at \$7.00 per acre and that house, but I counted 16 up and sold this fall for \$20.00 per acre and 20 down and just when I calculated I cleared a profit of \$4,160.00. How is was 14 below ground I came across a that for the Northwest? I now have familiar face. It was my landlord, 320 acres of land and all paid for, 15 Mr. Youngman." "Send for Youngman," said Mc-

Quade. Youngman appeared. "Yes, this is-or was-my lodger. I fired him to-day. He moved in yes- We also bought 8 lots in Calgary and

terday. He lost count this morning about two o'clock while he was looking for a hole that his latch key would fit. I guess he tried every lock in the But he isn't a thief." "Did he spend the night in a hole?" asked the policeman.

"No," said Youngman, "he lost so much sleep looking for the keyhole that he went out this morning and alent in the back room of a saloon. When he came back with all this black on him I kicked him out."

This explanation being satisfactory, Brown was arraigned, not as a thief, but as a disorderly person, and put in

"When I move again," said he, "I will postpone the celebration until I get my geography straight."

Bees and Hive an Inn Sign. At Grantham, England, a remark-

undoubtedly true that the Christian, Chinese gentlemen of learning and able sight has been witnessed outside a public house known as the Beehive a home is only now being learned, and curacy. The dinner was a feast. The lun. Over the doorway is a hive in course consumed two hours. When which bees store their honey, and it ingenuousness and subterranean na- we had been dining almost an hour I is believed to be the only "living" public house sign in England.

The sunshine of a recent Saturday had a surprising effect and the occupants of the hive were swarming, it around .- Puck. much to the discomfort of those who desired to enter the inn to quench their thirst. Thousands of bees were flying about and a large crowd of Doctors and Remedies Fruitless-Suf persons stood at a respectable distance watching the landlord collecting them in another hive by the side of the footpath near the door.

Preparing Himself.

"So you are going to Europe?" the reporters never seem anxious to blood began to flow. After I suffered ington Star.

Bible a Present from King.

the church officials

Accounted For. "Did you see that chap walk out in

the middle of the sermon on Sunday?" "Yes. You know, he walks in his

sleep."-Judge.

The First Trousers.

Pockets were one of the great sartorial objections urged against trousers, and an English writer on male fashions 80 years ago declared: "No pockets can be tolerated on any account whatever; they make a man look like a Yankee."

Spanish Superstition.

There is a Spanish proverb that "On Tuesday one should never travel or marry," and this superstition is so ingrained that even in Madrid there are aever any weddings on Tuesdays, and rains are almost empty. ---

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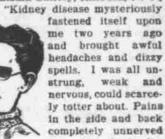
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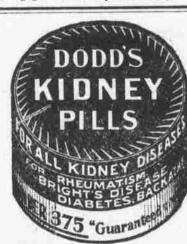
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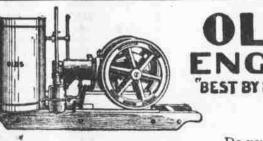


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philosophy, rather than as a religion. It may continue to grow, and be widely accepted, but it will never become a national religion. Had Christlanity been our ancient faith, the situation would have been different. Moreover Christianity would have been greater in Japan were it not for a decrease of this, both in Japan and taking first place in the individual's America. Mission boards should take life, it will exert its power and find

An Elder Statesman's Keen Views.

including this one. "Japan has the

most perfect religious liberty in the

which is quite improbable.

What of the missionaries them ment may be upset by the change in by his sister, Miss Cora A. Sturrt.

world. So great is the spirit of tolercreed. ation here that a conference on mutual relations was recently held in Tokio by the Christians, Buddhists' and Shintoists. But this very conference showed a lack of zeal on the part of each for its own faith. This same lack of ancient zest, and tendency to surrender beliefs, is also noticeable, I understand, in America. As to Christianity in Japan, I would not thrive by the approval of cabinets, say that it has spread as a moral or succeed by imperial edicts. They do not want official sanction or endorsement; that would be as danger ous to the church as it was in Constintine's day. Christianity is slowly but steadily growing in Japan, and it will continue to grow increasingly, by being accepted as the personal belief denominational divisions and of individuals. Its appeal is not to

into account the importance of this its place.

A Missionary Parish Home. used by the government, first, be | ries, of all creeds, stationed in every cause it was needed, and secondly, part of Japan. I have seen them at because Japan wanted to appear in work and at play. I have sought out of \$1,379,902. Of native Christians a pro-Christian light. Undoubtedly the criticism against them and their there has been a measure of this work that could be heard. Wherever same sort of statecraft in the govern- I have learned of a critic or antagonist ment's recent gifts to the Young of the missionaries I have tried to get called, and of course there are minor points on which the missionaries are undoubtedly open to criticism. Nevertheless, these cannot affect the general verdict, that the missionaries are

Men's Christian association army work. the worst he had to say. From scores In the government offices of Tokio of Japanese, Christian and non-Chris-I came upon the program with re- tian, I have gleaned opinions of the spect to religion, and how it has been missionary force. Summing all up changed. My authority is so high I am bound to say that the missionthat it cannot be uestioned. The in aries as a whole grade higher than tention of the Lien who shape the even the ministry at home. Their nation's policy (and this is a paternal, devotion to their work, and to the not a popular, form of government) welfare of the Japanese is unqueswas that the Crown Prince of Japan tioned. The results of their labor should become a baptized Christian, are beyond doubt really great. To so that the next emperor should be say that their converts are not genu- All Presbyterian bodies are one in counted among the Christian rulers of ine and their work superficial is the earth. The personal convictions simply to betray a lack of knowledge of the crown prince did not figure in of conditions that are apparent to any the matter at all; the rulers look unblased observer. Of course there upon Christianity without any regard are individual missionaries not a few to the beliefs of individuals, which is who are misfits and should be rea serious oversight as I shall show. Even yet it is possible that the program may be overturned by the sincero conversion of the crown prince to Christianity, an event, however, creditable representatives of the best For the second part of the government program reverses the first.

justify the cost. The plan has been changed. It has now been decided that it is unneces-

life of the Christian nations, and that their efforts are bearing fruit which The Opinion of the Optimists. This leads right back to the main sary for Japan to become a Christian question "Will Japan become a Chrisnation. The next emperor will not be tian nation?" As opposed to the negaa Christian. Independence and toloration in religious matters will continue to be the national policy, but the same official whose views I have Japanese, taking a confidently affirmabee: expressing ueclares it to be his belief that Japan will never become betrayed the slightest note of uncera Christian nation, although there will tainty on this point. They ridicule remain, alongside of Buddhism and all idea of an amalgamation of Chris-Shintoism, a Japanese Christian tlanity, Buddhism and Shintoism, saying that this is Buddhist talk. Buddhism feels its weakness and forsees On the same point let me quote impending defeat, and wants to capit-Count Okuma, one of the elder statesulate. It may take time, say the men and the most inficential individ-Christians, but eventually Japan will ual in Japan. I had a long interview become, in the lives of her people, with him in his beautiful home, upon and, consequently in her government, many phases of the Japanese problem, a Christian nation. This confidence

on the part of the Christians is rather inspiring; they have the faith of their Missionaries are quick to point out the weakness of the official predictions. The latter are all based on the assumption that Christianity may be treated as an entity, and dealt with as the government would deal with a monetary system, or a naval code. Christianity may not be considered thus, say the missionaries. It does particles of blasted rock. strife, which have hindered Christian men in the mass, but to men one by growth here. I am glad to notice one. As a personal, vital experience,

Thus all the plans of the govern-